

## Compelling Railroads to Ful- fill Their Promises

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Washington, Jan. 2.—A bill was reported to the Senate to-day by Senator Furro the Judiciary Committee, authorizing the Attorney General to institute suits in the name of the United States against railroad companies to whom lands have been granted to aid in the construction of their roads, and who lands have not been patented to said companies, with a view of securing judgment against them and forfeit to the United States of their land grants. The bill provides, however, that if within one year previous to the passage of the Act the roads in question shall have made substantial progress in the work of construction they shall be exempted from the operation of the Act.

**An Invention of the Enemy.**  
The people who are advocating Joseph E. McDonald for the President will not improve his chances by naming a cabinet for him in advance, writes Auguste Belmont, of New York, agent of the Rothschilds, for Secretary of the Treasury.—JACKSON CLARION.

You are right about that, and it is only his enemies who are presenting these ridiculous cabinet slates. Mr. McDonald seems less interested in the advancement of his claims for Democratic nomination than any of his friends, and if sanguine of being called to lead the advancing column, would be the last man in the world to select, or least to announce a cabinet, before election. His great strength before the people is calling in requisition all the cunning of his rivals, and of the schemes in the naming of a cabinet for him that will in its general construction incur hostility.—Aberdeen Examiner.

The Pretty Nihilist's Story.

Sophia Petrovski was handsome. A little, fair head, with a pair of serious and searching blue eyes, a broad lofty forehead and a rosy mouth, which smiling displayed two rows of most beautiful teeth" such is Stepaniak's description of her. She is a descendant of that Rasmovsky whose beauty inflamed the passion of the Empress Elizabeth; her father was governor-general of St. Petersburg. Her desire for "emancipation" was so strong that at the age of fifteen she ran away from her parents in order to "educate herself." She at once joined the revolutionary party, and became one of its principal members. The most important missions were intrusted to her where danger was greatest there was her place. The fair, pretty, smiling girl that looked like an innocent child, seemed but to dream of a first love thought day and night of assassination and planned it with the coolness of a old soldier. It was Sophia who lived in the house at Moscow where the miners were laid. She talked good-natured with the neighbors while eight conspirators dug underneath; she cooked for them, and during the meals amused them with jest and song. On the table there stood a flask of nitro-glycerine, and in her pocket she always carried a revolver. In case of being surprised by the police she was empowered to fire into the flask and thus blow up the house. She lay in wait when the imperial train approached and gave the signal for the explosion. Smiling, she also stood on the 13th of March, 1881, on the Catherine canal. Sometimes she would wave a handkerchief, as if to greet an acquaintance, in order to inform her confederates of the approach of the imperial carriage. Suddenly she raised the handkerchief and waved it over her head; at the same moment Ryasokoff threw his bomb. It would have been easy for her to escape after the assassination, but, anxious for the fate of her lover, Zheliaboff, who in St. Petersburg, and eight days afterward she was arrested. She died with Zheliaboff.

CONSUMPTION has hitherto been regarded as a disease of the lungs, which cannot be reached directly except by inhalation, and the value of that form of medication is problematical. A new theory of the disease, called the Sanbury theory, makes it one of unhealthy alimentation. According to this view it is the fermenting of food in the stomach which furnishes to the circulation noxious material that affects the lungs on reaching those organs. Granting the truth of the theory, we shall have to consider consumption as curable. All that needs to be done is to use only such food as will not ferment in the stomach, and to clean out that organ occasionally by judicious use of warm water, with aperient tonics before meals to aid the digestive process. A weak solution of ferrous sulphate is recommended for inhalation to check hemorrhage in the severe stage of the disease. The idea is worthy the attention of the many who are supposed to be in the initial stage of consumption. It would be an estimable boon if it be the means of saving them, to say nothing of the many others whose cases are otherwise hopeless.

"What do you call them?" asked the small brother, of young Brown, who was making a call. "What do I call them?" Why, I should call them 'em," said "There," said the small brother, triumphantly to his sister, "you said that Mr. Brown didn't know how to do it," he does." And a nine-year-old boy in the room wearing a twelve-year-old smile.

**The Dominion.**  
A DECISION RELATIVE TO THE SUNDAY LAWS.  
TORONTO, JAN. 1.—The Court of Queen's Bench unanimously decided there is no restriction in the province on carrying passengers by land or water on Sunday, overruling the decision of thirty years ago, under which it has been held illegal for ferry boats to ply on Sunday.

President Arthur and the Republican Party reminds the Texas Sen. of the Indian man who bet \$10 that he could ride the fly-wheel of a saw-mill. As the widow paid the bet, she remarked: "Chet was a kind husband in providing for his family, but he didn't know much about fly-wheels."